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1. POST NOMINATES FOR REGULAR THIRTY DAY IV GRANT MALAM UMARU ABDULLAHI, ACTING CHIEF REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KADUNA. PROGRAM MIGHT INCLUDE ATTENDANCE AT WASHINGTON WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE.

ALTHOUGH FOUR GRANTS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED FOR CPP PROJECT B-1, POST PLANS FUND ABDULLAHI AS FIFTH GRANT, GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY WE ATTACHE TO PROJECT. (FYI: POST PRESENTLY RECONSIDERING ALL GRANTS IN LIGHT REDUCED IV ALLOCATION).

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: MALAM (MR.) UMARU ADBDULLAHI

PRESENT POSITION: ACTING CHIEF REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KADUNA, NORTH CENTRAL STATE

PAST POSITIONS: PRINCIPAL STATE COUNSEL, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE,
KADUNA;
SENIOR MAGISTRATE, ZARIA, NORTH CENTRAL STATE;

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 SEP 2013]; KATSINA, NORTH
CENTRAL STATE

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PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE U.S. : NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: U.K. 1964-66

PREVIOUS USG GRANT : NONE

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY: VISA ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MALAM UMARU ONE OF THE BRIGHT YOUNG COMERS IN NORTHERN JUDICIARY. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY ALL SENIOR JUDICIAL FIGURES INCLUDING SIR NIGEL REED, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF NORTHERN STATES; MR. JUSTICE MOHAMMADU BELLO, NEW CHIEF JUSTICE; AND MR. JUSTICE ALFA BELGORE. BOTH PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND BPAO KADUNA HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPOSESSED BY ABDULLAHI AND FEEL HE ONE OF MOST ARTICULATE AND ABLE MEN OF HIS AGE GROUP IN NORTHERN STATES. HAVING ALREADY BECOME CHIEF REGISTRAR AT AGE 35 (HE LOOKS TEN YEARS YOUNGER), THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT HE DESTINED FOR ONE OF TOP POSITIONS IN NORTHERN JUDICIARY AND ONE CAN EASILY IMAGINE HIS ACHIEVING SENIOR FEDERAL POSITIONS AND NOATIONAL PROMINENCE. ABDULLAHI IS WELL CONNECTED WITHIN THE KATSINA HIERARCHY. HE HAS NEVER VISITED THE U.S., BUT INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT U.S. --BOTH ITS LEGAL SYSTEM, SOCIETY AND CULTURE.

OBJECTIVES OF U.S. VISIT: THE POST HAS FOR SOME TIME CONCENTRATED ON EXPOSING TOP JUDICIAL FIGURES IN NORTHERN STATES TO U.S. THE PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE HELD BY JUDGES THIS AREA IS IMMENSE AND IT PROBABLE THAT NO OTHER GROUP CAN YIELD SUCH HIGH COST/BENEFIT DIVIDENDS TO THE U.S. AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE YOUNG FIGURES IN JUDICIARY, ABDULLAHI WILL BE WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIA IN U.S. AND WILL BE IN EXCELLENT POSITION TO INFORM KEY FIGURES ALL OVER NORTHERN NIGERIA OF WHAT HE HAS LEARNED DURING HIS STAY IN AMERICA.

AS HE RISES TO POSITIONS OF GREATER RESPONSIBILITY, HE WILL BE INCREASINGLY ABLE TO PASS ON KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHTS TO BE GAINED FROM VISIT.

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